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4. Some of the references were cited in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/722,593, filed September 27, 1996, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

5. The Examiner's attention is directed to Seybold Report on Desktop Publishing, Vol. 8, No. 6, February 1, 1994 and Adobe Systems-Post Script Language Reference Manual, 2nd Edition, Addison-Wesley, December, 1990. Due to the length of these publications, and because they merely provide supportive background details, copies are not submitted.

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